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SWETTENHAM'S SNUB TO ADMIRAL DAVIS IGNORED BY U. S.

Roosevelt Holds White House Conference and Announcement Is Made that British Government Is Not Held Responsible.

ACT IS THAT OF MAN WHO IS UNFRIENDLY TO AMERICANS.

Official London, Astonished by Jamaica Governor's Refusal of Aid for Earthquake Sufferers, Demands Explanation—U. S. Warships Return to Guantanamo.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—From official sources it is learned that no attention will be paid by this Government to the action of Gov. Swettenham, of Jamaica, in asking Admiral Davis to withdraw his forces from Kingston.

It is held here that the act of the Governor is that of a single individual, for which the British Government is in no manner to be held responsible.

Neither the State nor the Navy Departments have any official advice on the abrupt departure from Kingston of Admiral Davis and his relief squadron, which returned to Guantanamo yesterday. In official circles the episode forms the main topic of conversation. Acting Secretary of State Bacon was at the White House early, and had a conference with the President. Secretary of War Taft, who just arrived from South Carolina, went immediately to the White House and also saw the President. It was after this conference that the announcement was made that no action would be taken on Swettenham's course.

As showing the attitude of the British Government toward the United States, attention is called to the promptness of their officials in sending thanks for the aid given.

It is known in official circles that for some time the Governor of Jamaica has not hesitated to show his unfriendliness to the United States. This has taken the form of opposition to the construction by this Government of the Panama Canal.

It is said he has written letters on the subject to other West Indian Governors, has been unfriendly in his attitude toward American citizens and has even sought to prevent the emigration of Jamaican negroes to work on the canal.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—5:32 P. M.—Shortly after 5 o'clock this afternoon the Colonial Office received a dispatch from Gov. Swettenham asking the British Government to convey to the Government of the United States the thanks of Jamaica for the American assistance rendered by Admiral Davis.

The telegram contains no mention of the incident involving the departure of the American warships, regarding which the British Government is still awaiting direct information.

The dispatch of Gov. Swettenham, asking the British Government to convey to the Government of the United States the thanks of Jamaica for the assistance rendered by Admiral Davis, has been forwarded to the State Department at Washington, with the addition of the thanks of the Government of Great Britain for the aid rendered by the American Admiral.

After conferences to-day between officials of the Foreign Office and officials of the Colonial Office, the latter cabled to Gov. Swettenham, of Jamaica, asking him for his version of the situation which led to the withdrawal of Rear-Admiral Davis's warships from Kingston on Saturday.

No persons were more surprised at the action of Gov. Swettenham than the officials of the Foreign Office, who learned the first particulars through the press. In the absence of Foreign Secretary Grey, the senior secretary of

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Lawyers on Whose Defense Hangs Hope Of Young Thaw to Escape Penalty of His Crime



HIGGINS NEAR DEATH; NO HOPE SAY DOCTORS.

Relatives Gather at ex-Governor's Bedside to Await the End.

OLEAN, N. Y., Jan. 21.—There is scarcely a possibility that former Governor Higgins will survive the day. He lost ground during the night. Dr. Dever Hibbard, the family physician, has lost hope and the consulting doctors agree that their patient may pass away at any moment. He is being kept alive by stimulants.

Mr. Higgins remains in a comatose condition. He is unable to take nourishment. Because of his very serious condition, the usual morning bulletin of the physician was withheld to-day.

The ex-Governor's sister, Mrs. Frank Sullivan Smith, and Mr. Smith arrived to-day from New York, and Mrs. Higgins' sister, Mrs. Cameron, and her daughter Charlotte, a favorite niece of the ex-Governor, from Indian Territory. Mrs. Higgins has advised O. T. Higgins, the eldest son, who is in California and who is not very rugged, not to try to come to his father's bedside. He left here a few weeks ago, after spending the holidays with his parents.

B. R. T. NOW BACKS DOWN; ACCEPTS A SUBWAY LOOP

President Winter and Senator McCarren Give Assurances to Mayor.

Senator "Pat" McCarren and President Winter, of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Railroad Company, to-day had a long conference with Mayor McClellan on the proposed subway loop connecting the Brooklyn bridges.

They backed down completely from the position, so often announced, that the B. R. T. would never consent under any condition to run its cars through a subway loop. President Winter expressed his willingness to discuss terms upon which the B. R. T. may be allowed to use the tunnel.

"I came along," said Senator McCarren, "to see if I could help Mr. McCarren get these railroad companies together, it is merely a question of a fight between the B. R. T. and the Interborough. Each is afraid the other will get some advantage, and they are sitting in corners, spitting at each other. Now, they ought to get together, and if they don't we ought to bump their heads together and the head of the Rapid Transit Commission, too, until they agree."

Mayor McClellan said he thought the consent of the B. R. T. to operate cars relieved the question of its difficulty. He was willing to get a foothold in Manhattan, said the Mayor, "it is a question of the B. R. T. cars are run to Manhattan and the passengers distributed here, the subway loop would only serve to transfer the congestion to the Brooklyn side without relieving it."

The Mayor said he was glad to see a chance for all interests to get together, and he believed, with "all in a symphony mood, the bridge crash may be solved and the subway loop completed within two years."

LATEST NEWS.

LATE NEW ORLEANS RESULTS.
Second—S. Rossmore 7-2, Dew of Dawn 10-1 pt., Rubywick
Third—Fantastic 1-2, Mortiboy 3-1 place, Dargin.

WOMAN RUN OVER BY WAGON.
An unidentified woman was knocked down and run over by a delivery wagon at Sixty-fifth street and Eighth avenue this afternoon. Both her thighs were fractured and she was unconscious when hurried to Roosevelt Hospital.

The driver, Roland Seaman, twenty-six years old, of No. 641 Hudson street, was arrested. The woman was about forty years old and well dressed.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY ISSUES SHORT-TERM NOTES.
The Southern Railway Company has sold to J. P. Morgan & Co. \$15,000,000 three-year 5 per cent. notes. The amount raised on these notes is to be used in providing additional tracks, equipment and terminal facilities to economically handle the large volume of business offered and expected. Passenger traffic on Southern lines is expected to be very heavy at the present time.

GAS BLOWS UP FLAT, 17 PERSONS INJURED

Lighting of a Match While Search for Leak Is Being Made Causes Explosion in Brooklyn.

Seven persons were injured and the three-story double flat house at No. 34 Alabama avenue, Brooklyn, was partly demolished to-day by an explosion of gas that shook the neighborhood like an earthquake and broke windows in neighboring buildings for blocks around. The injured, who were taken to St. Mary's Hospital, are:

GALL, DAVID, of No. 34 Pennsylvania avenue.

GREENWICH, MRS. SARAH, of No. 34 Alabama avenue.

KAPLAN, DANIEL, of No. 27 Alabama avenue.

BOYETT, ELIAS, a painter, of No. 24 Georgia avenue.

COHEN, MAX, painter, of No. 21 Fifth street, Manhattan.

MORELASKY, SAMUEL, three years old, of No. 34 Alabama avenue.

STERN, JOSEPH, 17 years old, of No. 34 Alabama avenue.

Caused by Leaking.

The wrecked building is one of a row of fifteen built by Mr. Gall and only recently completed. They are built of white brick. Mrs. Greenwich occupied an apartment on the second floor. She noticed to-day that the gas was leaking badly and went out to consult with Mr. Gall.

She took him up to her apartment and together they searched for the leak. Going into the bathroom, Mrs. Greenwich lighted a match. Instantly there followed a terrific explosion that shattered partitions, blew out windows and sent showers of debris out into the street.

Mrs. Greenwich and the builder were blown half across the apartment and buried under a pile of debris, from which they were taken unconscious. The two painters were hit by flying glass and loose ends of timber. The rest of the injured were on the sidewalk in front of the house and were struck by pieces of brick and wood.

RICH BROKER RUN DOWN AND KILLED BY CAR

William C. Ashwell Victim of Fatal Accident on Columbus Avenue.

William C. Ashwell, sixty-six years old, died in Roosevelt Hospital to-day from injuries received from a south-bound Columbus avenue car at Seventy-fifth street. Mr. Ashwell was a member of the stock brokerage firm of Ashwell & Co., at No. 41 Broad street, and lived at No. 40 West Seventy-fifth street.

Mr. Ashwell was crossing Columbus avenue and had passed over the north-bound tracks when a south-bound car hit him fracturing his skull. Mrs. Ashwell was summoned and accompanied her husband to the hospital.

Mr. Ashwell was born in this city, but when quite young went to London, remaining there a number of years. They accompanied by his brother, Thomas, he went to South Africa on a hunting expedition.

He was in South Africa when the Kimberley mines were first discovered and hurried to that place. He became associated with the late Cecil Rhodes in the diamond industry and was prominent in framing the laws that governed Kimberley. Mr. Ashwell and Mr. Rhodes were business associates for several years, and then the former sold his interest to Mr. Rhodes.

In 1879 Mr. Ashwell returned to this country and became interested in the grain business. He remained here but a few years, then went abroad again and returned to New York in 1887, becoming associated with E. D. Morgan Waterman, forming the firm of Ashwell & Co. This firm continued in business until July of last year when Mr. Ashwell retired, his place being taken by Herbert H. Knox, the latter acting as the stock exchange member.

He was a member of the Union League Club and the Metropolitan Museum of Natural History. A widow, three unmarried daughters and one son, Thomas, survive.

JAMAICA GOVERNOR SNUBS COMMITTEE

New York's Cable Offered to Send Relief, but He Did Not Answer.

The New York Relief Committee for the aid of the Kingston earthquake victims announced, this afternoon, that Gov. Swettenham, of Jamaica, snubbed the committee. The committee sent Wednesday, offering to dispatch food, medicine and other supplies for the sufferers if he wished them to do so.

The chairman of the committee is J. P. Meyer, general manager for New York of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company. Mr. Meyer issued the following statement to-day:

"Failing to receive a reply from the Governor of Jamaica to their telegram of the 15th instant, the Relief Committee has now applied to the British authorities, through the British Consul-General, Sir Percy Sanderson, at New York. The future action of the committee will depend upon this reply received from the British authorities."

THAW IN COURT BUT HIS TRIAL IS AGAIN DELAYED

Millionaire Slayer Crosses Bridge of Sighs Only to Have Case Put Over Till Wednesday—Saved Ordeal of Facing Staring Crowd.

UNWRITTEN LAW PLEA IS GIVEN UP BY THE DEFENSE

Will Assert that Jealousy of Stanford White's Fondness for His Chorus-Girl Wife Festered in Mind Until He Became a Temporary Madman.

Harry Thaw was spared one ordeal to-day that he would have undergone had he been a prisoner of lesser degree. He was brought handcuffed across the Bridge of Sighs from his cell in the Tombs to the Criminal Court Building because this is the date that had been set for calling him to the bar for the murder of Stanford White, but he did not enter Justice Fitzgerald's Criminal Branch to be stared at by the crowd that filled the chamber. He was allowed to remain in the jury room at the rear, out of sight of the curious, while the lawyers for the State went through the formalities attendant upon the reassignment of the trial for Wednesday.

Two hundred specially assigned policemen held the crowd about the court-house in check. None of Thaw's women relatives was present since to-day's proceedings were purely perfunctory.

GUARDED BY TWO DEPUTIES.

Deputy Sheriff Bell brought Thaw across the bridge, and then Deputy Deleahanty fell in on the other side of the manacled prisoner. Thaw wore a long gray ulster, a black derby hat set well forward on his head, garnet tie, low collar and a dark blue suit. He had the free hand shoved into the side pocket of his ulster.

The deputies led him first to the prison pen on the second floor, where they freed him of the wristlet and let him slip out of his ulster. Then he went downstairs into the jury room to confer with one of his lawyers.

WELLS-FARGO CASHIER HELD AS EMBEZZLER

Zimmer, Whose Accounts Are Said to Be Short \$14,000, Surrenders.

Charles Zimmer, cashier in the bank of Wells Fargo & Co., at No. 61 Broadway, walked into the office of Assistant District Attorney Smythe this afternoon and gave himself up on the charge of having stolen \$14,000 from the company. The warrant that was issued for him when he disappeared two weeks ago, was served on him by Detective Sergt. Flood and he was taken to the Central Street Court where he was held in \$5,000 bail for examination on Wednesday.

Zimmer is only thirty-five years old, but has worked for the Wells-Fargo Company nineteen years. He began as office boy; and three years ago, after many advances, was made cashier. He was trusted by his employers, but when he failed to come to his office two weeks ago it was discovered his books were short \$14,000. Investigation, it is said, showed he had lost heavily in stock speculations and had been for some time well known in the Tenderloin restaurants.

"His employers concluded that he had taken funds of the bank to carry on these speculations, and they placed the case before the District Attorney. A warrant was issued, but Zimmer could not be found. He was at Newport News, and on the advice of friends returned and, of his own accord, to-day submitted to arrest. He would not discuss the charges against him."

Zimmer is a dapper little man about 5 feet 2 inches tall and an immediate dresser. He is a bachelor and has apartments at No. 89 East One Hundred and Forty-fifth street.

There was a few minutes' delay. Justice Fitzgerald was the tardy one. Of Thaw's counsel, who were present—Charles W. Hottel, John R. O'Sullivan and Daniel O'Reilly, Mr. O'Reilly, in a whispered conversation with Clerk William Penny, secured leave for the sequestering of Thaw in the jury room during the proceedings. He had previously got the consent of Mr. Jerome and Mr. Gargan.

The Special panel of talesmen filled one side of the rail-road cases without without selecting them were undressed, intelligent-looking men of middle age. Few were very young and fewer still were old men.

Many Talesmen Fined.

Clerk Penny called over the list of names. About twenty failed to answer and the Justice promptly fined each of them \$100. The delinquents were as follows:

William Warner, Samuel Parker, Marcus Jackson, Walter R. Lambert, John R. Hatcher, Joseph Bonner, George Eggertson, Jacob W. Smith, Robert Perry, Jacob Hen, James R. Bourne, Arthur H. Dale, Casalus M. Kane, Robert E. Mackey, Dan T. O'Keefe, Charles D. Halsey, Charles H. Halsey, George H. Halsey, Charles H. Halsey, John F. Simpson, Joseph Wiley, Benjamin Strangland and Noah M. W. Tausman.

While this was going Dr. Hilgert, the "Magic Boots" man, whose trial is still going on, had unpacked a long wooden box which bore a resemblance to a coffin, and from it had taken various exhibits in his case—old braces and shoes for cripples, and even a dried human foot. These things he spread out upon the counsel table.

Taken Back to Tombs.

Mr. Jerome arose and explained he had got the consent of the defense in the Thaw trial for the exclusion of one of the talesmen, Mr. Sheppard, who wanted to sail for Europe, having been called there by the death of a kinsman. Then he said:

"Owing to the fact that the present case is not finished, I move the postponement of the Thaw trial until Wednesday, and that the members of the special panel be excused until Wednesday at 10 o'clock."

Justice Fitzgerald nodded. At once most of those present filed out.

Thaw had been in the witness jury-room twenty minutes. He was now handcuffed to Bell, and his two keepers led him back to the Tombs by the same route he had covered in coming. He serves kept in the upper corridor, clear along the way, and the crowd down below.

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